THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI BALASAHEB VIKHE PATIL): (a) The share of Central Taxes released to States, year wise, is as follows:—

	(Rs. in Crores)
1998-1999	39163.09
1999-2000	43509.50
2000-2001	52418.30
2001-2002 (RE)	52844.19

(b) and (c) Gujarat received Rs. 1587.80 crore in 2000-01 as its share of Union taxes and duties.

(d) The amount of Central Excise, Customs and Direct Taxes collected by the Central Government, year-wise, is as follows:

(Rs. in Crores)

	Direct Taxes	Customs	Union Excise Duties
1998-1999	46600.37	40668.27	53246.16
1999-2000	49470.48	48419.57	61907.77
2000-2001	68304.33	47542.20	68526.13
2001-2002 (Upto Dec. 2001)	44490.00	30348.00	46875.00

Payment and settlement system

530. SHRI P.N. SIVA: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government propose to enact legislation with regard to payment and settlement system in the country;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether the Reserve Bank of India has made some suggestions in this regard, if so, the details thereof; and

(d) what is Government's reaction thereto?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI BALASAHEB VIKHE PATIL): (a) to (d) The matter is under consideration in Reserve Bank of India.

New legislation for recovery of NPAs

531. SHRI C.P. THIRUNAVUKKARASU: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government propose to enact new legislation for the time bound recovery of NPAs;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) if not, the reasons therefor;

(d) whether it is a fact that the privatisation process is making several banks beyound the reach of common man; and

(e) if so, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI BALASAHEB VIKHE PATIL): (a) to (c) Government is considering enacting a legislation to empower the banks to enforce securities in case of default. This will result in speedier recoveries and reduction in the non-performing assets (NPAs) of the banks.

(d) No, Sir. Many persons are customers of private banks also.

(e) Does not arise.

Memorandum from Rajkot Chamber of Commerce and Industry on Income Tax

532. SHRI ANANTRAY DEV SHANKER DAVE: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have received memorandum from the Rajkot Chamber of Commerce and Industry suggesting income tax structure;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether Government considered the suggestions;

(d) if so, the outcome thereof;

(e) whether a large number of complaints of harassment to assessee have been received by Government; and